

acquire, develop, maintain, and operate a park system with recreational facilities, the expense of which, including debt service, is paid from a separate park tax levied within the district. The Commission is authorized to cooperate and negotiate with federal agencies for financial assistance and with other agencies in the park development program. In Prince George's County the Commission operates the County's recreation program.

Within the Maryland-Washington Regional District, the Commission is empowered to make, adopt, and amend a General Plan for the Physical Development of the District, which takes into account all factors of urban, suburban, rural, and regional planning. The two County Planning Boards have exclusive subdivision control, power and jurisdiction over street grades and locations, public buildings and utilities, and after the adoption of a Master Plan of Highways, over street naming and house numbering. The Planning Boards have advisory zoning powers, but the zoning ordinances and amendments are enacted by the County Councils sitting as District Councils for the portion of the district within their respective county. Through the Planning Boards the Commission recommends land use or zoning ordinances and similar ordinance subject matters to the respective District Councils. The administrative and planning expenses of the Commission are paid from an administrative tax levied within the regional district.

The taxes levied by the Commission, which are collected in both counties, are as follows for Fiscal Year 1977-1978:

Montgomery County		
Regional District:		
Administrative Tax	7.50¢	/ \$100
Metropolitan District:		
Park Tax	21.70¢	/ \$100
All County:		
Advance Land Acquisition Tax	1.00¢	/ \$100
Prince George's County		
Regional District:		
Administrative Tax	7.09¢	/ \$100
Metropolitan District:		
Park Tax	20.60¢	/ \$100
All County:		
Advance Land Acquisition Tax	1.01¢	/ \$100
Recreation Tax:	8.27¢	/ \$100
(Code 1957, Art. 66D).		

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

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The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, the governing body of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District, created by Chapter 122, Acts of 1918, consists of six members, three of whom are from Prince George's County and three from Montgomery County, appointed by the governing body of each county.

When the Commission was organized the District's service area covered ninety-five square miles: forty-one miles in Montgomery County and fifty-four miles in Prince George's County. The District had a population of 32,000 and a total assessable tax base of \$20,000,000. In succeeding years, the General Assembly has made additions to the service area, and the Washington Suburban Sanitary District now contains about 1,000 square miles within Prince George's and Montgomery counties adjacent to the District of Columbia. The present Sanitary District has a population of more than 1,200,000 and an assessable tax base of approximately \$11,000,000,000.

The Commission provides for the construction, maintenance, and operation of water supply and sewerage systems; it has jurisdiction over storm drainage in Prince George's County only. It regulates and inspects plumbing and gas fitting installations in both counties. The Commission has been designated as the organization responsible for the administration, maintenance, and